

B.F.H.S. Thieves Apprehended

by Amy Mattison

Between September and January of this year, the Bishop Ford building was broken into ten times, and this resulted in \$5,000 in losses. Falcon's Corner, the science labs and the library were the major targets of the thieves who were discovered to be from the Park Slope area.

The thefts were carried out by "neighborhood kids," and the leader of their 'ring' was discovered when he was found hawking materials (such as laboratory scales) from his home. The leader has not yet been brought into custody, but the police have not given up looking for him.

These break-ins have emphasized the need for more and better security for this building. After the police completed a thorough security check, new stronger locks were installed around the building. Because of these new measures, security has improved 90% (according to Brother Michel), and there have been no break-ins in the three months since they were instituted.

A Touch of Class Brought to Ford



Liam Clancy and Tommy Makem.

by Peter Cole

On March 14 in the Bishop Ford Auditorium, Irish Folk singers Liam Clancy and Tommy Makem performed before a standing-room-only crowd. The program, organized by Theatre Master Bro. Michael, has become a tradition here before every St. Patrick's Day.

Irish folk music, rejuvenated in the early sixties in both America and Ireland by the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, has become a major contributor to the existence of the Ford Theatre.

The show was filled with many traditional Clancy-

CHANCE BOOK DRIVE A SUCCESS

by Thomas Cappiello

On February 12, 1981, Brother Michael Russo, Director of Development and Public Relations, and his assistants in Falcon's Corner, started the annual chance book drive here at Ford. Students were given these chance books to raise money for student activities.

The drive lasted twenty days and concluded with the school raising \$24,522. However, with the cost of printing, prizes, etc., the total profit was \$21,294.

The top homerooms were 12/4, 9/6, 10/9, 10/10 and 9/2. The amounts sold in each class were \$645, \$681, \$649, and \$643, respectively. The top classes in each year were 9/6, 10/10, 11/4 and 12/4.

Cash prizes were awarded to those students who sold the largest number of chances. The recipients of these prizes were Kathleen Restaino, Vanessa Parkinson, Mark Spencer, Donald Poidevin and Kim Restaino.

The drawing for which the chances were sold took place on March 14. The winners included Lucy Ramaglia, F. De Silvio, Mrs. Marinos, Albert Corsino, Gloria Surzynsky and Louise Esposito.

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Ben Hur Rides Again

by Angela Diorio

On May 5, 1981 there will be a showing of *Ben-Hur* based on the novel by the American author, Lew Wallace. It is being sponsored by the foreign language department and will be shown in the auditorium for sophomores and Latin I classes.

Ben-Hur, a Tale of the Christ, one of the best sellers of all time, translated into many languages and successfully dramatized on stage and screen, has received more Oscars than any other movie. It stars Charlton Heston, Stephen Boyd, Jack Hawkins, Hugh Griffith and Sam Jaffe.

One reason the foreign language department chose to show this particular movie is that it is entertaining. One of the highlights of the movie is the spectacular chariot race. It also shows the cultural history of ancient Rome. They hope it will be educational, as well as enjoyable.

The foreign language department is pleased that they are able to offer a production of this kind and hope that there will be more in the future.

GREEN FOLK INVADE SCHOOL

by Leslie Calandra

It was a great day for the Irish at Bishop Ford; despite the protests of angered students, classes were held on St. Patrick's Day.

A "Green Dress-Up Day" was made possible by the sophomore class council. Julian Staffieri and William Krapf, both of homeroom 9-10, won ten dollars each in the "Greenest Outfit Contest."

Mr. John Manley, sophomore year coordinator, joined in the festivities, wearing a green shirt, tie and hat, and a pair of green socks. Although he didn't win anything, he was pleased with the day and hopes for another "Green Day" next St. Patrick's.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Thursday Evening

May 21, 1981

DeFina Receives Doctorate



DeFina in his natural habitat.

by Mary Ann Svec

After six years of hard work Mr. Anthony DeFina has received his doctor of philosophy degree from New York University. Dr. DeFina received his degree in comparative neuroanatomy (the study of brain structure with regard to behavior). His dissertation was a study of the auditory pathways in the brain with respect to their evolution and ecology.

Dr. DeFina decided to get his Ph.D. "in a fit of temporary insanity." Actually, he feels that in his field he can branch out into many aspects of teaching, research and writing. It is also "a personal goal that I wanted to achieve for the sake of self satisfaction more than career. Plus, it feels great to finish it."

In 1971 he got his B.S. from University College at the Bronx campus; his major was biology and his minor was chemistry. In 1973 he re-

ceived his M.S. in vertebrate biology from the N.Y.U. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

When asked if the Ph.D. helps in high school teaching, he said, "All education at any level helps. The experience of that kind of training is valuable and can be applied to any field of biology, including teaching."

Presently he is coordinator of the bio-lab and zoo, senior year coordinator, moderator of the biology section of the science club, and he teaches sophomore biology, advanced biology, human physiology and zoology.

Dr. DeFina had taught at N.Y.U. as a lab instructor for two years before coming to Bishop Ford. He was also an adjunct instructor at St. John's University on Staten Island and at N.Y.U.

Dr. DeFina's future plans include some research in his field, some writing, and continuing his teaching career.

P.I.C.ers Trip to Florida

by Steve Bello

On April 21, fifty-one PIC members, along with Mr. Fusco, Mr. Kiernan, Mrs. Mary Julian and four chaperones from the PIC staff, took a trip to Lake Buena Vista, Florida. This year's outing was spent at the Royal Plaza Hotel which is located on the Disney World grounds. The trip included three days' access to the famed Disney World. Other

places of interest that were visited were Bush Gardens, the Star Hall of Fame Wax Museum, Cape Kennedy, Sea World. The trip was made by train and took about 24 hours. They returned on Friday, April 24.

Other trips planned are to Great Adventure Amusement Park and possibly to Action Park or to a dude ranch.



Rise and Shine!

REAGAN'S BUDGET CUTS

by Edward Smith

The Reagan budget is a long and complicated document. It took the **New York Times** four full pages of their business section just to list the various figures the day after the budget was released. And, whether you believe it or not, I refuse to touch the **Wall Street Journal**. But even so, I think it safe to say that they spent at least four full pages to list the figures. Not one of those figures would be of any interest to the bulk of the student body, so I shall talk about only those proposed budget cuts which would have the greatest effect on you, the student.

President Reagan wants to cut the Food Stamp budget. This will do two things. One, it will save your mothers the aggravation of watching the same "poor person" buy top grade steaks every week while she, the "well-off" person, has to settle for ground chuck (Reagan wants to cut off the program's abusers first of all). And two, it could raise her grocery bill. For, just as there are many people who use their allotment to buy staples like milk, eggs, and butter, there are many grocery store and supermarket owners who depend on those people for a large part of their business. So that when food stamp recipients lose their monthly allotments and start making fewer trips to market, the store owner will lose a lot of business and have to charge people like your mother more for her food.

President Reagan proposes cutting the C.E.T.A. budget, almost, I've heard, to the point of eliminating the program altogether. This would affect you in two ways. One, since many of the people who work for the Parks Department and for City and Borough Hall, who are supposed to feed the animals at the zoo, clean up the parks, and help cut red tape, are employed through a C.E.T.A. grant, many will be laid off. This would mean a cut in service and a change in the condition of our parks. Two, many of you will be working during the summer, many for your home parishes or for other programs. Many of those programs are in existence because of C.E.T.A. grants, which means that the proposed budget cut could cost you your summer job. Which would be a most direct hit.

Reagan wants to cut the Medicaid budget. Some of you wear braces or other corrective equipment. Some have to take special medication because of illness. And some of you may need expensive, emergency medical care some time in the near future. If this goes through, you may notice your parents getting more anxious when it comes time to pay the doctor or hospital bills. Why? Because those braces or that medicine or that hospital bill may be subsidized by the federal government through the Medicaid program. Also, your grandparents might be among that 30% of the nation's aged who make, through work, pensions, investments, etc., around \$30,000. a year. Because of cuts in the Medicaid/Medicare budget, they might lose badly needed health aid. All of this would affect you.

Also to be trimmed will be federal aid to private and parochial schools. I don't know if B.F.C.C. is a recipient of federal aid, but if it is, then the curriculum could be affected, not to mention the number of teachers. There would be a definite increase in the tuition.

President Reagan wants to decrease the amount of federal aid given to college and post-graduate students in three ways. One, fewer student grants will be given. This means that when you apply for tuition aid during your junior and senior years, there will be less money to go around. The competition will be stiffer and the requirements tougher; you might not get the money. Which could mean settling for a cheaper, second-rate college. Two, he wants to get rid of that program whereby a college student who wants to become a doctor and is willing to work some time after getting his degree in an area where there is a scarcity of doctors, can get a government medical school scholarship. And three, he wants to eliminate that part of the Social Security program whereby a college student can, for various reasons, collect on his parents' earnings. Also to be noted: Ronald Reagan wants to pursue those people who owe money to the federal government. So be prepared to have your Uncle Sam breathing down your neck after you have graduated from college and are working and owe the federal government money.

To the Editor:

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As I read the school paper today, it surprised me to see the SPORTLIGHT going to a Sophomore. I understand that the SPORTLIGHT section of the paper is for Seniors in sports. I am sure that there are many Seniors in sports at Ford who have the qualifications needed for this column.

The article about the track team is full of incorrect facts. The person who wrote the article was incompetent. Roger Menze member of the track team said to me that he never wrote this article.

Please, if you are going to print anything about the track

team, make sure that what you print is factual.

There are 6 Seniors in the track team, 8 in the basketball team, 2 in swimming, one in tennis, several in basketball and the other sports, and they deserve more recognition than they received.

Mr. Manuel Fernandez,
Head Track Coach

Editor's Note:

While SPORTLIGHT most often focuses on a senior, there is no hard-and-fast rule that this must be so; in our January, 1977 issue we focused on a freshman track runner, and no objections were raised.

To the Editor:

If any time in a student's

SKIERS HIT

ICY SPOT

by Maria Sallustio

There are times in people's lives when they may break the law without having any knowledge that they are doing so.

Well, during the ski weekend, several of our "innocent" seniors broke a law without having any knowledge of it and were punished for not knowing that such a law existed.

These seniors were apprehended on private Lake George property for trespassing. They were thrown into a police car and brought to the county prison. The officers then decided to take these boys on a prison tour, speculating that this would frighten the hell out of them.

They were then brought to court. The judge merely warned them that if they ever committed such a serious violation again, they would be in grave trouble.

O CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

by Maria Sallustio

Each day there is a number of crimes being committed. On March 30th, President Ronald Reagan was wounded with a .22 caliber gun. The President, with three other injured, was rushed to George Washington University Hospital where they received emergency medical attention.

The President went into surgery for the removal of a bullet which was lodged in his lung. The President is now in satisfactory condition.

It is truly a shame that people can commit such serious crimes, crimes for which innocent people must suffer.

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life can be stagnated, it must be his senior year.

Many changes occur when a class reaches its graduation year. For the first time honor students and regular students are integrated into the same classes. For some the material is too difficult, for others, too easy.

Teachers attempt to give the seniors a feeling for college, but there's a difference between being given the freedom of adults and not being challenged at all. I think teachers, as well as students, confuse both.

Many seniors, it seems, work or participate in activities. Has school itself become extra-curricular?

Eva Orlowska

Student Council Gets Passing Grade

by Edward Smith

Probably the most complained about, dumped on, badmouthed, griped about, and just plain criticized organization at Bishop Ford has been the Student Council. The Student Council is usually accused of inaction, sleeping on the job, being under the thumb of the faculty, and just about everything else except being corrupt. The Student Council seems to have a bad reputation. This year I don't hear much of the above; but that, I suspect, is due to student apathy, which is a far more serious problem.

I wonder if that bad reputation is deserved. I wonder if those accusations of inaction and stupidity are warranted. I seriously think that the student body has the wrong idea about how much this Student Council can do. I seriously think that the students here at Ford expect too much of their Student Council.

The Student Council consists of two parts. The larger part, the main body, consists of the assembled home room representatives. The smaller component is the Executive Council. It consists of the Student Council President, the Student Council Vice President, the Presidential Advisers, and the four Class Presidents. The home room reps canvass their respective home rooms and tell the executive council what they hear at the general meeting, which occurs approximately two times per month, and during impromptu and chance encounters. The Executive Council meets at least once a week and acts for the main body, speaking before the principal. What suggestions they bring before him are at their own discretion. That's basically how the Student Council works.

What has the Student Council, under President Robert Sullivan, done this year? Nothing? Wrong. They've done a lot, considering the limits that have been placed on their power. They reorganized the elections of home room reps and have given the students more of

a voice in the council. They arranged, or rather, helped to arrange for a roller skating party at United Skates of America and played a major role in getting us a pool party at St. Francis College. Because of the good reception it got from students and the outstanding behavior of those who attended, the council will be able to organize another pool party there. Then there was the 3-D movie we saw on March 27th. That was a very enjoyable experience. Ask any student who attended Ford last year and the year before and he'll tell you that there has been a great deal of relaxation of the rules regarding lateness. Those reforms came about through the Student Council. There are three more things to be said. First of all, remember our Christmas celebration when all we had to do was to go to Mass and then to a party afterward? At the party they served refreshments and entertained us with the choral club. The Mass was tradition, but the followup was not: it came courtesy of the Student Council. And do you recollect the several times a student DJ entertained us during lunch in the cafeteria? That, too, came courtesy of the Student Council. But the cherry on the top of the ice cream soda was the Dance-A-Thon. That effort, organized in conjunction with the National Honor Society, gained for us the reputation of having staged the first Dance-A-Thon ever to be held in a Catholic high school and one of the most successful ever held in any kind of high school. We raised \$15,000 on paper and a large part of that figure in hard cash. The people from the Muscular Dystrophy Association said that this was the best Dance-A-Thon they'd ever seen. The Student Council did us a great service in helping to organize the dance marathon: they gave us fame.

That is what this year's Student Council has done. If you don't think that they've done enough, you try to do better. Don't complain, act. And don't be so apathetic.

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Faculty Focus:**Mr. Slow**

Mr. Slow prepares to thrill yet another group of students.

by Pascale Bastien

In this issue we focus on Mr. William Slow, a member of the social studies department and ex-moderator of the magic club.

Mr. Slow is a native of Brooklyn. He lived on Long Island during grammar school, but came back to Brooklyn to attend Brooklyn Technical High School. One would think that someone who went to Tech would have become an engineer, a doctor, or at least a science or math teacher. But Mr. Slow had such a nice social studies teacher, that he knew teaching social studies was what he wanted to do.

After his graduation from Brooklyn College, he worked in a delicatessen, a butcher shop, and a supermarket, doing everything except teaching. He was teaching at St.

Theresa's when Mr. Campanaro asked him to join the faculty here at Ford.

Although this is only his second year at Ford, Mr. Slow shows a lot of school spirit. He was one of the four faculty members who danced in the dance-a-thon. He really enjoyed it and commented, "It was a great success; the students were willing to dance so much for a good cause. I think if we had asked them to dance for another twenty-four hours, they would have done it."

He also showed school spirit by moderating the Magic Club, although he knew little of magic at first. The club failed, however. Mr. Slow is willing to moderate next year, if the members are more mature.

As well as school activities, he enjoys stamp collecting, music and stalking butterflies.

Fort Apache, The Bronx

by Mark Basta

"Fort Apache, the Bronx" is about two cops, Paul Newman and Ken Wahl, and their experiences in the 41st Pct. This movie is not meant to rank out the South Bronx but to show behind the scenes how the 41st Pct. reacts to the killing of two rookie cops. The reason why this movie is rated R is because it deals in explicit violence and foul language.

As a critic, I feel "Fort Apache, The Bronx" does not live up to all of the controversy surrounding it. The people who should have been protesting this movie are the New York Police Dept., rather than the people of the South Bronx. This movie is not an acting movie but more of a violent action movie and should not be seen if you're expecting a love story.

Ed Asner stars in this movie as a new captain who wants to change the 41st precinct's reputation. Ed Asner figures by cracking down and making more arrests he will eventually find the killer of the two rookie cops. The role Ed Asner plays was made for him.

Paul Newman and Ken Wahl also star in this movie, as two experienced cops in search of the cop killer. Paul Newman views the new captain as one who goes by the book and who also does not agree with Newman's way of doing things. Ken Wahl is a young, energetic cop who enjoys his job. He looks up to and respects Paul Newman. This is very important between the two partners. Both Paul Newman and Ken Wahl deserve much credit for the acting they do.

Poet's Corner

Is death born with a child,
Or hate, or the desire to fight against a thought?
Only true beauty is exposed;
It is human.

But there are plans.
Succumbing to thoughts pressing the mind
Pieces are torn, mutilated and forgotten,
Replaced by death begun.

Another beginning is witnessed,
The hope is restored and shared.
Emotions dormant, swell, radiate, and,
For a few passing moments, we have—humanity.

—Joseph Groot

**Inquiring Reporter:
Principal for a Day**

by Patti Miller

Question: What was your opinion of our "Principal-for-a-Day" program?

Mary McEvoy: "I thought it was good because the students got to see the position of the teachers."

Regina Brown: "It was interesting because students were able to exchange roles, and it was also good to come in relaxed."

Kathy Davis: "It felt like an ordinary day, except for the way we dressed."

Debbie Pezzola: "It was very good because we learned from our friends, and the kids showed that they are more adult than the teachers think."

Tania Serrano: "I thought it was a good experience for the students and teachers."

Teresa Mascaro: "It was again; it should be done again."

Dee Dee Dixon: "It was different because you got to see what it's like to be a teacher."

Carol Oliver: "It was really nice. We should have it once in a while."

Kathy Smith: "It was a good experience to try it, and it was worth while. But it should have been planned more because I didn't know who the principal was."

Jean Mannino: "It was a good experience and should be done once a year."

Mike Bruno: "I didn't know about it."

Regents Scholarships

Highpoint proudly congratulates the following for winning Regents Scholarships:

Anthony Angilletta, John Argenziano, Enrique Barrio, Peter J. Cole, Richard V. Coraggio, Geraldine A. Clegg, James Cutrone, Dolores Dilgen, Linda A. Ferraro, Joseph Groot-Sardone, Rosa A. Iuliano, Kelliann K. Kavanagh, William M. Kelly, Carolyn T. Leaver, Gregory A. Liguori, Matthew P. Long, Robert C. Marese, Amy Mattison, Eileen E. McBrien, Sean P. McCorry, Michael J. McFadden, Denise M. Miller, Jeanann M. Powers, Scott E. Reid, Robert G. Ricco, Santo A. Scribani, Steven R. Stumpf, Robert J. Sullivan, John G. Sweeney, Michael H. Trombly, Salvatore J. Ventrice, Julio E. Vializ, Patrick J. Walls, Andrea Zatorski.

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welcomes letters to the
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Student Focus:**Mr. Pat Walls**

Pat Walls

by Peter Cole

Patrick Walls is a local boy from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Although he spends a great deal of time in the school building, it is still hard to find him if he knows that someone is out to interview him. I found him, luckily, as he was leaving the bio-lab, where he works as a member of the zoo squad. He promised me that if I let him go to his locker he would come right back to grant me an interview.

After five minutes of waiting I wised up and went looking for him. I found him huddled in the drama club's room, with whom I won't disclose, eating a roastbeef sandwich and mumbling something like, "I don't want to be interviewed."

I decided that the poor boy would be a hard nut to crack and that it would be wise to start our parley with a simple question. "What are your hobbies, Pat?" I asked. "Sex and drugs" he replied, with a wry look at the third party with whom we shared the prop room. With reporter's instinct I quickly realized he was only joking. Pat is rather active around the school. Once he warmed

up to the idea of being interviewed, he let me in on what activities take up his time. He has been a member of the zoo squad, yearbook and drama club all year; he was an active cyclist when we still had a cycling club. Outside of school Patrick is an active boy scout. In his own words, "I'm in a club that helps old ladies cross the street."

After finishing his sandwich Pat was still hungry and started to nibble on his companion's upper arm. This made our interview even more complicated, but I managed to get a few more facts from him. When I asked him his plans for after graduation, he was full of answers. "I plan to destroy my liver" was one quip. "Maybe I'll have a little party" was another. On a broader scope, he said he may go to college but could not be sure at this early date.

Pat enjoys the zoo squad very much and commented, "I know every animal in the school and even have their phone numbers." I decided to end the interview with Pat because he was getting restless and I didn't feel that it was my upper arm he wanted to nibble next.

Bakshi's American Pop

by Sal Giglio

To say that Ralph Bakshi is animation's most ambitious innovator would be a great understatement. Big box office receipts and many technical advances are two reasons why Bakshi is able to find backing and support for his animative endeavors. And in his new film, "American Pop," Bakshi has attempted his greatest undertaking.

Without one of literature's most colorful imaginative novels, "Lord of the Rings," or the world's most adult feline, "Fritz the Cat," to work with, Bakshi must develop his own plot. He does, but with disastrous effects.

The story begins in Russia, already a serious error. All lovers of the free world know that cartoons are banned in Russia for the simple reason that animation's primary colors are red, white and blue.

Back to the movie. Forget about Russia. We'll start in N.Y.C. Johnnie, after a lifetime of burlesque shows and night clubs, has a son named Bennie. Bennie, before being killed in W.W. II, has a son named Tony. Long before this happens, Johnnie dies for some reason I can't seem to recall. And let us not forget that Tony, after years of heroin addiction, finally has the good fortune to drop dead.

All of the characters in the film have a self-destructive nature that is very depressing. But Bakshi has a unique style in transposing this gloomy and unhappy story onto film.

He does not try to bring animation close to reality. He gives it a reality of its own, assigning colors and shapes in a creative and imaginative way.

But "American Pops" advertisers boast of some of the finest music ever written, and nothing could be further from the truth. There are some quality songs but not enough to satisfy some rock lovers. Rock and roll enthusiasts will still enjoy it, though, while disco lovers will appreciate "American Pop" simply because it's a cartoon.

Intramurals:**A New Era in Sports**

by Joe Frega

Under the adept leadership of Ray Habib, the intramural sports system, originally designed to spark student participation, has become one of the most popular after-school activities among students. Each year since its inception the program's student participation has increased. The program gives one the opportunity to display talents in various events ranging from volleyball to football.

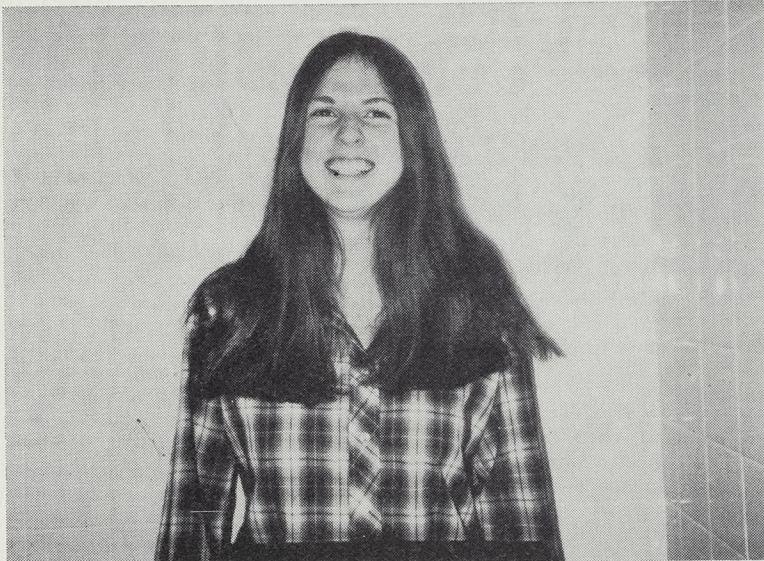
A sport requiring intense concentration and agile reflexes is the best way to describe the game of table tennis. These assets were articulated by Anthony Mule during his attempt at winning the 1980-81 championship. 1979-80 champion Jorge Diaz finished a strong second this year, while Chris Greaney finished impressively at third.

In basketball, the Rebels raced by the 12 point scoring performance of Claudio Ercoleano. Clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch by John D'Allesio enabled them to nip a tough Mad Dog team 41-37 to capture the freshman-sophomore 5-man basketball tour-

nay title. In the junior-senior division, Mike Mullaly's 25 points guided the defending champs to a 58-32 romp of the Buckeyes. Mullaly's strong performance proved too much to overcome. His versatile play, plus the shooting skills of Richard Kenny, led a well-balanced defending champ offensive to victory over the South Brooklyn Boys I in the 3-man junior-senior basketball championship. Led by Mike Sweeney, the Mad Dogs avenged their defeat in the 5-man finals by winning the 3-man freshman-sophomore championship.

In volleyball it was the hustle of Sal Albano, Mario Altizio and Harold Kaura, leading a resolute Buckeye squad to a 3-set victory over the flames, while the crew took the honors in the freshman-sophomore division.

Other highlights of the 1980-81 year were a bowling season whose championship was decided in the final week, as well as devastating exhibitions of sheer strength and determination in weight-lifting. Upcoming events are swimming, handball, track and hockey.

**Regina Corrigan:
Long May She Run**

Regina Corrigan

by Ingrid Mihailovich

Regina Corrigan is an outstanding runner. This year alone, she set and held every varsity cross-country record. Regina led her team with a second place finish in the Brooklyn Championships. She ended her cross-country season with an eighth place finish in the City Championships.

During indoor season, Regina placed fifth in the

3200 m at the Girls' Metropolitan Championships. She was the first girl from Bishop Ford ever to qualify for the semi-final round of the Colgate Women's Games. She also qualified for the Eastern States Championships in the 3200 m.

As for the future, Regina will probably be running in college and is hoping someday to coach her own track team.

It's a Brand New Ballgame

by Cliff Bowen

Ford's young and talented j.v. baseball team is ready to open their season on April 10th against St. Francis Prep. The team is hoping that the explosive bats of sophomore Vinny Mara and freshman Richie Palese will perform in a winning fashion. The big gloves on the field will be third baseman Mike Vollaro and outfielder James Larquet, both of whom are sophomores. Coach Forte Bellino believes that the pitching staff will be a very strong one. Leading

the way will be Phil Mattera and Cliff Bowen. They will be helped out by sophomore Richard Cummings and freshman Anthony Trippi.

Key players this season will be sophomores Paul Nuccio and Mike Bonafacio. They will look back to last year's big win at Molloy, which knocked Molloy out of first place. Coach Bellino believes that if the team plays to potential they will have a shot at the playoffs, although, opposition this year will come from Molloy and St. Francis Prep.

May 4, 1981

**BISHOP FORD
BLOOD DRIVE**

*"The Life You Save
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Help a Good Cause
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**GIRLS
SOFTBALL TEAM
CHOSEN**

Batter up! It's softball season! Miss Kennedy, coach of the softball team, looked for good hitters, fielders and players with a basic knowledge of the game. Out of the 63 who tried out, the following 18 have been chosen:

Captain K. Restaino and G. Fernandez, freshmen M. Anders, R. Mazzone, M. Gamachia, C. Dopman, L. Fagan and S. Casagranda, sophomores C. Sweeney, M.F. Nunzio, K. Casey and D. Denzallo, and juniors A.M. Dittinzo, A.F. Depe, D. Leach, M. Dopman, M. Kanvas and D. DeSimone.

Their first game on April 1 was against St. Savior, which began their 14-game series. Miss Kennedy feels the team should do well against others in the league and is looking forward to a good season.

**Girls to Shoot
for Playoffs
In '81**

by Joe Frega

On April 1st the girls' tennis team, coached by Lydia Coporale, picked up their rackets to christen the 1981 season. This year marks the girls' third year playing as a unit under Caporale's leadership. Both coach and players agree that the '81 season will be the one in which all the pieces will fall into place.

Perhaps the biggest factor in the club's favor is their depth of talent. The squad is a combination of stars from each year blended together. Seniors Eileen McBrien, 1980 M.V.P., Lucy Fonte and Dolores Dilgen provide experience and leadership for young developing stars of future seasons. For Ford the future lies in the hustle and play of juniors Maria Barbera, Kathy Segriff and Laura Leach, sophomore Jean Leslie Allen, plus an impressive group of freshmen. This depth gives the club good reason to look forward to the future and believe that '81 is only the beginning of a dynasty.

Defense:**Key to Success for Varsity**

Top row, left to right: Michael Courtney, Dom Fanelli, Teddy Cioffi, John Toranzo, Tom Loverdi. Bottom row, left to right: Eric Bianco, Alex Zbylut, Eric Vasquez.

by Cliff Bowen

Things are looking up for this year's varsity baseball team. Coaches Keegan and Piselli will be relying on the promising bats of seniors Tommy Loverdi and Eric Bianco. The success of the season will be dependent upon the defensive abilities of third baseman Mike Courtney and shortstop Steve Paganelli. This year's pitching staff should be tops in the league. The ace this season will be Tommy Loverdi, who is regarded by many as the league's best hurler. Tommy will be sharing the starting manual duties with senior

Paul Anderson. In the bull pen there is senior Terry Cioffi and junior Billy Vitolo. This year's pitching staff will be a thorn in the side of high school baseball opposition. The team is hoping there will be many one-hitters, such as last year's thrown by Tom Loverdi against St. Francis Prep. (who was in first place at the time). This year's tough opposition will come from Molloy and St. Francis Prep. Coach Piselli believes his squad is playoff-bound and is looking ahead to a possible shot at the city title. If all goes well, this team will be the best varsity in Ford's history.

**Falcons Shatter Record
at Armory**

by Joe Frega

They say in the sports world that records are made to be broken. No matter how invincible one's performance appears, there is always another who achieves what others define as the impossible. On March 13, 1981, the boys 2-mile relay team of Richie Palasa, John De La Torre, Steve Ward and Neil Lanzetta performed such a feat by capturing the CHSAA City Championship held at the Armory in Manhattan.

Anchored by Lanzetta, the relay team ran the grueling

event in 9:02:15 seconds, thus shattering the 1977 record time of 10:13.2 recorded by Mt. St. Michael's High School. From the start one could tell that the boys had a good shot at the record. Richie Palasa opened up the early lead, while the dexterous legs of De La Torre and Ward maintained a record pace, and in the end it was Lanzetta crossing the finish line 80 yards ahead of his closest opponent and in record time. Another impressive stat. is that the victory preserved the boys' undefeated record in city competition into this event.



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